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Resumption of Silver.

It was over a year ago that Congress passed a bill giving the Secretary of the Treasury full power to substitute silver for fractional currency, but there was much to be done before the will of Congress could be carried out. The process could have been commenced several months ago, but Secretary Bristow very properly decided to wait until the subject could be considered by Congress, in order that he might ascertain to what extent he would be sustained by the present House of Representatives. It will be remembered that the silver bill, which has since become a law, passed through the House by a very decided majority, and Congress is therefore fully committed to the policy of resuming the fractional currency or scrip, with new silver coins of corresponding value. The process was commenced in all the principal business centres last week, and a large amount has already been put in circulation.

The coins provided for by this bill are the same in weight and fineness as those in circulation before the war, but owing to the depreciation of silver bullion, their value is slightly below that of greenbacks at the present time. The present low price of silver is attributable to various causes, but is chiefly due to the stagnation of business in China and India, which are the great markets for silver, and to the depreciation of silver in Germany and in other European countries. While the production of silver has considerably increased of late, the demand has fallen off.

It has been about thirteen years since silver coin was used to any great extent in this country, and this has had the effect of cheapening silver, but not depreciating it, since the demand for it has fallen off in foreign countries. Since 1871, Germany has been degrading silver to a token coin, in which the real is far below the nominal value, and making gold the sole standard of value. Japan, Sweden, Holland and several other countries have been doing about the same thing, or something less, and the result has been a depreciation of silver, and a consequent depreciation of silver coin in this country. The revival of an American supply of cotton, which was cut off during and for a while after the war, has largely diminished the cotton trade of India, and reduced the demand for silver in a corresponding degree. In England it is estimated that the depreciation of silver as compared with gold, or as material for the coinage, is now much more serious matter with England, than with the United States, on account of its immense trade with India and China. Silver is the only coin used in this trade, and every sum sent out shrinks one-eighth before it can be used. It is not believed by financial men that the depreciation of silver will long continue, and the price of silver compared with gold will doubtless soon begin to increase again. Nations which are now using but little silver will probably increase the amount, and the demand will again more nearly approximate to the supply.

The low price of silver is favorable to its substitution for our fractional currency in one respect, if in no other. There will be no disposition to hoard silver, and as there is no demand for it abroad, it will be allowed to remain in circulation; and if its price advances, the process will be slow, and we may safely reckon on several years before its high price will drive it out of circulation; long enough, with proper management, for our whole financial system to be brought down to a specie basis.

As no more fractional currency is to be issued, we may reasonably expect that the exchange for silver will be continued for a few months. The Secretary of the Treasury has already accumulated large amounts of silver at the various United States depositories, and believes that he can furnish it as fast as it shall be wanted. There are some where in the neighborhood of forty millions of dollars of fractional currency in circulation, or was before the war, and it is estimated. An amount of fractional silver coin equal to the amount of currency now in circulation, will not probably be required to meet the ordinary demands of business, for sometime to come, and a considerable amount of the latter may go out of circulation in exchange for greenbacks, for which it is legally exchangeable in limited sums.

The resumption of silver coin for change, will be a novelty to many. There are millions of persons who have just come to maturity, who have never heard the musical chime of silver, will be of some value to money drawers, but there is a class about which they will soon learn to appreciate.

The proposition for Lewiston to unite with her municipal corporation in the purchase of the lake water rights was submitted to a popular vote Saturday, which resulted in its acceptance by a vote of 995 in favor to 120 opposed. By this action the city is authorized to invest six per cent. bonds to the amount of \$300,000 provided all the money is raised by the corporation purchase the control of the lake, and the Androscoggin river and secure to Lewiston all the water she may want from time to time forever, for domestic, fire, mechanical, manufacturing and other purposes, including certain other valuable rights. The securing of this lake water is considered one of vital importance to the future growth and manufacturing industries of the city.

The Whig says that a deputation from the Yale College Faculty has recently visited Bangor, tendering to Prof. Barbour the Chittenden Professorship of Divinity in Yale College. This is the place corresponding to the one filled by Dr. Peabody at Harvard. The deputation took back the assurance that Prof. Barbour would give the important offer his serious consideration.

Stillman Chalmers of Albion, very properly protests against having his estate administered upon during his life time. By an error of the recording office, a notice was inserted in a probate notice, which has appeared in the three last issues of this paper. The notice will be found corrected in this number.

The House passed the bill transferring the Indian Bureau from the Interior to the War Department, by a vote of 139 to 64, more than two to one. The vote was not partisan. The greater number of opponents of the bill was found upon the Republican side, but one of the staunchest opponents of the bill was Mr. Cox.

Saturday the Senate was not in session. In the House the bill to amend the charter of the Freedmen's Bank was discussed, but not acted upon. A bill in regard to the rights of citizens in foreign countries and duties of consuls was discussed, but not passed.

CITY NEWS AND GOSPEL. The foundation of the new steam mill is laid, and it is expected that it will be completed so as to commence operation in June. It is estimated that several families of French Canadians have come to this city to work in the Springfield Company's factories. They will take the places of those who have quit work on account of the reduction of wages. We understand that a union protest meeting is to be held in this city. Mr. R. B. Henry A. Neal, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Maine, administered the rite of confirmation at St. Mark's (Episcopal) church, Sunday. Edward Willet, was before the Municipal Court, Friday, charged with adultery with Olive S. Cochran of Gardiner. He was ordered to recognize, which failing to do, he was committed to jail. The Directors of the Village School District have re-organized by the choice of Wm. R. Smith Chairman, and G. A. Robertson Secretary. The performance of the children of the Juvenile Temple, at Memorial Hall, on Saturday evening, was pleasing and every way satisfactory. The Rev. Mr. Conner left with his wife for Washington, Friday. He will return in season to attend the meeting of the Council in May. Judge Libbey commenced term of Court at Calais, Wednesday. Two three masted schooners arrived at the wharves, Monday. The schooner, the Maine Central Co., with her home from the house of Morse & Co., and is bound for Venezuela; the other brought coal for Parrott & Chase. John S. Hamilton has been appointed Superintendent of the city farm. Capt. J. P. Farley of the National Army at Springfield, Mass., visited the Kennebec Arsenal, Friday, at the invitation of the Hon. Mr. S. G. Sargent, President, and Mrs. H. W. True, Secretary of the Augusta Christian Temperance Union, went with Mrs. G. W. Quibby to Waterville on the evening of Wednesday the 19th, to assist the ladies in forming a Union in that place. The Unitarian Church of Waterville, on Monday evening of next week. Mother Goose will be presented in pantomime, tableaux and song, with appropriate costume and scenery. The entertainment will close with a grand Centennial ball, in which the dancers will be clothed in ancient costume. Music by Bangor's Orchestra, and Waterville's Orchestra, will be given. The schooner Governor Oakes arrived Tuesday, with a cargo of nails for S. S. Brooks & Co. There are thirteen inmates at the city almshouse. Rev. Mr. Adams, who succeeds Mr. Sanderson as pastor of the Methodist church in this city, arrived on Wednesday last. There are 1064 scholars in the Village District against 1180 last year.

STATE AFFAIRS. The Governor and Council had a session at the State House, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. All the pending nominations were considered, including Charles W. Walton, Associate Justice, Edwin C. Burleigh, Land Agent, Joshua Nye, Insurance Commissioner, and H. A. Shorey Trustee of the Insane Hospital. Pardon was granted to Chandler Merrill and Wednesday of last week. The Governor and Council considered the bill for the fast jail for four months, and to pay a fine of \$200. In case he failed to pay the fine, then to remain in jail for four months; his fine has been remitted, and he has been granted a pardon, on the condition that he shall not be a member of the Legislature for a year. In case he is again convicted of a similar offense, he will be obliged to suffer the full penalty of the law, and also in addition serve out the unfinished term of his present sentence.

The following tax was laid upon the several towns of this State, amounting in the aggregate to \$76,792.78. The depreciation of the value of stock tax from last year. The total market value of franchises taxed this year is \$5,119,529. The following table shows the amount of the tax for each town, and the amount of the depreciation of the value of stock tax from last year. The total market value of franchises taxed this year is \$5,119,529. The following table shows the amount of the tax for each town, and the amount of the depreciation of the value of stock tax from last year.

THE ABBOTT WILL CASE. This case, which has attracted considerable attention, was brought to a close Saturday. Counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. E. D. Abbott, and the charge of Judge Libbey occupied about an hour. The charge is highly praised by competent judges. The case was given to the jury at half-past twelve, Saturday, and on the coming in of the Court at two o'clock, the following verdict was rendered: "The jury find that the said writing testamentary, and the same was duly executed by him; that at the time of the execution thereof he was of sound mind and memory; and that the said James Abbott in making said will was not unduly influenced by any person or persons." The result was not unexpected, and the verdict gives general satisfaction to the people in this vicinity. Exceptions were filed, and the case now goes up to the full Court. One of the parties in this suit is J. G. Abbott, Esq., late editor of the Biddeford Free Press, who is a son of the late James Abbott.

MAINE POULTRY ASSOCIATION. An adjourned meeting of the Maine Poultry Association was held in Portland, Monday. A committee to report all necessary amendments to the constitution, consisting of Fred Fox, E. N. Perry and Charles G. Haines was appointed, and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President—Albert Rogers, Bangor; Vice-President—E. D. Abbott, Portland; Treasurer—Chas. H. Haskell, Portland; W. P. Atherton, Hallowell; W. Leavitt, Skowhegan; Wm. G. Davis, Portland; J. C. Stockwell, E. Edgington; R. C. Fingers, Lewiston; Fred Fox, Portland; Col. H. A. DeWitt, Augusta. Secretary and Treasurer—Fred Fox, Portland.

Directors—R. O. Conant, Portland; H. Lewis, Deering; E. L. O. Adams, Portland; Wm. S. Davis, Portland; W. P. Harris and W. W. Stevens, Portland. After a protest was run on the Lewiston Institution for Savings, the trustees were obliged to judge Walton for the appointment of a receiver, under the statute, and the judge has ordered a hearing May 1st. Under this proceeding the assets will be disposed of, the loans collected as they shall mature, and depositors be paid pro rata. Such a closing up of the affairs of the bank will necessitate some loss to the depositors, on account of depreciation of certain securities held by the bank. The deposits in the bank amounted to \$275,700.83. On the day of suspension they had run down to \$758,672.80.

Mr. Charles W. Gooch of Lyman, about 30 years of age, was found dead on Tuesday, April 13th, in the cellar of his father's house. He has for some years, since having the scarlet fever, been subject to occasional fainting fits, and while attending to some work in the cellar he appears to have been thus attacked and to have fallen into the water which covered the cellar to the depth of a few inches. He had been sometime dead when found. Mr. Gooch was a man of excellent habits, and an earnest and exemplary Christian. His death will be deeply felt in the whole region.

Charles C. Packard of West Auburn died at the residence of his brother in Hebron, on Wednesday last week, aged about 38 years. His disease was consumption, brought on by exposure in the service. He served as private in the 10th Maine Regiment, as Hospital Steward of the 25th, and as Assistant Surgeon of the 30th. He was much esteemed and a physician of great promise.

Dr. Montgomery of Washington, Me., came before the Governor and Council last week, and desired to prefer charges of bribery and official malfeasance against L. M. Staples, Attorney for Knox county. The Governor and Council have decided to refer the case to the Legislature, and it is not one of which they could take cognizance in the recess of the Legislature, and advised him to go to the courts.

The dead body found in the water at Potter's mills, Tuesday week, is believed to be that of Mr. Powers Hooper of Lewiston, who with one of his boys was drowned three miles above Lewiston falls, on the 8th of October last.

Congressional Summary.

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Items of Maine News.

Mr. Erasmus Corbitt has been elected overseer of the Harrison poor farm. The liabilities of the town of Eastport over assets amount to \$43,938.81. They are talking about a division of the town of Eastport into two towns. The city council of Calais refused to appropriate \$1000 for the 4th of July celebration. It is rumored that the Bangor horses and horses will be sold at auction this week. Measles and whooping cough prevail to a great extent in Naples.

There were ten vessels at the wharves in Machias last Friday. It is rumored that Mr. Charles A. Lord is to accept a professorship at Bowdoin College. Forrester Hiram of Skowhegan, while caring for his father's horse, had his face badly bitten by the animal. The Lewiston Journal says about 4000 Methodists were present in Lewiston at attendance on the annual M. E. Conference. Times says Miss Rachel Gray was thrown out of a wagon Thursday week, in Bowdoinham, and badly if not fatally injured.

A reform club was formed in Houlton last Saturday evening, by W. H. Langley of Bangor, with S. E. Baker as President. The schooner Lottie Ames, Capt. E. R. Smith of Rockland, made the passage from Rockland to the wharf in Philadelphia in three days. Fifty more river drivers left Bangor Friday morning for North Anson in the employ of the Franklin Land and Lumber Co. The York County Savings Bank last week declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent.

Joseph Morton died at the Bangor jail workhouse Wednesday week, of congestion, after a long illness. The Chronicle says that Capt. R. B. Jennings has a copy of the first English dictionary printed in this country. The wife of D. F. Atwood, Esq., clerk of the Court at Bangor, died at her residence in Auburn, Friday forenoon. The Governor and Council have awarded the contract for making tents for the militia to the firm of M. & C. of Bangor. Three young men of Calais were fined by Judge Duggan during the week for overhauling a horse or mowing a field. One of them was unable to pay his fine, and was sent to jail for thirty days.

Capt. Thomas Sprout of Waldoboro, Maine, leg was severely injured last month, since, arrived home Tuesday week. Mrs. Eunice wife of Nehemiah Merrill, of Sanford, has died apoplexy every month in the last year. William Hamilton of Garland, who has had a severe attack of small pox at Lynn, is slowly recovering. The Chronicle says that Cyrus Taylor and John Mitchell while at work on Doolittle, Norridgewock, were severely burned by a premature discharge of a blast. The Oregonian says that a man living in Presden had a fibroid tumor removed from the lobe of each ear. They were caused by the use of ear-cupping.

It is stated that but thirteen millions of lumber have been cut the past year on the Androscoggin headwaters, against thirty millions on the Little Rock Railroad Company. When the Little Rock road fell into the hands of the State, which I have spoken of in the seven intervening years since the Little Rock and Fort Smith roads were placed on the map, the State had no other alternative but to let the road go, or to let it be sold to the State. The Little Rock and Fort Smith roads were placed on the map, the State had no other alternative but to let the road go, or to let it be sold to the State.

At Milbridge, east side, a house owned by Lassel Cornhill, and occupied by J. F. Warren, was burned Tuesday week, with nearly all its contents. The steam mill owned by B. T. & J. Adams, Mayfield, was burned Wednesday night week. Loss \$30,000; no insurance. It is supposed that the fire was caused by sparks from the engine. The Lewiston Journal says James Hogg, a young man of Calais, was severely injured by a fall from a horse last week. He died after intense suffering at 4:45 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mr. Hogg's friends live in Portland.

The Cheese Company at Warren, have sold their machinery for a fair price to a Bowdoinham factory. An auction on Saturday week of the last season was held, resulting in its being bid in by the company. Mr. Samuel T. Pickard, associate editor of the Transcript, and Miss Lizzie H. Whitcomb, wife of the late Mr. Whitcomb, residence of John G. Whitcomb, in Ansonia, Mass., Wednesday week. The Oracle says David H. Kimball of Waldoboro, Maine, was severely injured by a fall while assisting in raising the sunken steamer at East Jefferson, recently. He was discharging his duties as a member of the board of directors of the high school at Alfred.

Mr. L. C. Page, for the past three years connected with the public schools of Sanford, has been named as the position of principal of the high school at Alfred. Tuesday evening, week, fire was discovered in Biogdett's tannery, Bucksport. The building was entirely consumed, together with the contents. Biogdett's loss will amount to \$20,000; insurance \$1000. The Lewiston Journal says a young lady doing housework in Auburn, attempted to swallow a quantity of arsenic, and died half an ounce of chloroform. A physician was called who succeeded in restoring her to life. The Journal says it is rumored that the body discovered in the river at Bath, Monday, may be that of Mr. Hooper, who, with his wife, was drowned at Deer Lips in Lewiston, last autumn.

After an intermission of three or four weeks on account of the late epidemic, the health of the community is improving. A long and tedious meeting in Murray Hall, Sunday evening, last. Capt. James Cole's house at Harrington, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The family were away at the time and nothing of value was saved. Insured for \$1100 in the Hanover and American fire insurance companies. The house of Capt. J. J. Drinkwater of Rockland, was slightly damaged on Thursday morning of last week, by fire, supposed to have been caused by a candle. A lively little fire in a closet to burn up a litter of clothes. The morning of last week, the house owned and occupied by Patrick Brogan, on Union Street, Belfast, was discovered by the fire department after nearly destroying the house.

On Wednesday week, Mr. Allen Eastman of Ellsworth, while on his way to Five Saw dam on the river, was drowned, his body not yet been found. He was a young man of about 25 years of age, and leaves a wife and one child. The Lewiston Journal says Rev. G. Mason of the Methodist conference, was run over on Main street by a carriage containing a family, which was killed. The driver of the carriage, or a sympathizer of the gentleman, who though somewhat hurt, escaped without any broken bones. The Chronicle says that the son of O. W. Lawry of Fairfield, found in a hen's nest an egg without a shell which measured an inch and a half in diameter and 6.5 in the other. What is more singular, the egg, which was perfectly round, was found in a hen's nest, and was found in a hen's nest, and was found in a hen's nest.

Items of General News.

The President and Mrs. Grant visited the Centennial grounds Saturday. The Brooklyn underground railway has been abandoned. Henry C. Bowen has withdrawn from the Congress of the United States. The Cincinnati Light Guard will march to the Centennial. D. M. Johnson, recently from New York, was stricken in Providence Saturday for surgery. The Emperor of Brazil visited the Morion Tabernacle at Salt Lake, Sunday.

A great commercial depression is reported in Sicily. A person can walk eighty-four miles in the Centennial buildings if he feels like it. The journeyman tailors of Rochester, N. Y., have struck. Abbott, the Ospele murderer who killed his wife last fall, has been sent to the penitentiary for 30 years. The great undertaking of draining the Zuyder Zee will probably be under way during the present year.

Dallett Bliss, an old Brazilian merchant, committed suicide Friday afternoon in Central Park. The new edition of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts at Philadelphia, was dedicated Sunday. A religious paper published in Tennessee says: "Those of our subscribers who pay promptly are marked as Christians." The number of 400, are on strike, and by threats of violence are compelling others to join.

Grain in California was never better, and an unprecedented yield is promised. Fruit looks well. James Gallagher, a well known millman of Cambridge, Mass., was killed at Melford Saturday by a railroad train. The exodus from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick towards the United States and Canada, has been going on for some time. A recent examination of the accounts of Revenue Collector Lidwell at San Francisco, shows every thing correct. The steamer Gannett was robbed of \$1000 worth of cigars at her pier in New York Friday, by river thieves.

William Cooper shot Mollie Dean in St. Louis Sunday, because she refused to marry him. Chas. S. Jose, Esq., a prominent resident of Albany, Mass., committed suicide Sunday by hanging. It is said there are 686,193 silver dimes in a barrel, and Rodgers would like to know whether the Government is to pay for them. The anthracite board of control have resolved to advance prices five cents per ton for May, and shipments will be limited to 100,000 tons.

Dillingham paper mill at Hallowell, N. H., was burned Saturday. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$4,300. The Chronicle says that a man, who was a member of the Maine Legislature, was killed by a fall from a horse last week. He was a member of the Maine Legislature, and was killed by a fall from a horse last week. He was a member of the Maine Legislature, and was killed by a fall from a horse last week. He was a member of the Maine Legislature, and was killed by a fall from a horse last week.

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Two women have been arrested at Laramie City, supposed to be the old woman and K. Y. Kallender, who were charged with the murder of a man in Kansas recently. The liabilities of Kansas recently ascribed, are \$138,000; assets, \$88,000. B. B. Byrnes, a Boston carpenter, fell through a window of the Quaker City refinery Thursday, and was instantly killed. Two vessels drawing over 18 feet of water, went through southwest pass at New Bedford, Sunday.

Austin Ford, an Englishman, aged 29, was drowned in Blackstone river at Valley Falls, Sunday. The Dexter Journal says the world to believe that Choe, Squin, an Indian, and Nabih, his wife, residing in Graham county, were killed by a fall from a horse last week. It is proposed to re-establish the whipping post in North Carolina, as a substitute for imprisonment, the penitentiaries being full to make their support a burden to the State.

New York book publishers have sent a memorial to Congress asking for the repeal of the law which prohibits the sale of second-hand books for less than 10 per cent per cent on all printed matter. Spanish moss, which grows so abundantly in the swamps of Louisiana, has been found in the swamps of Louisiana, and has been found in the swamps of Louisiana, and has been found in the swamps of Louisiana.

A Boston Saturday Patrick Hevlin fell a distance of 65 feet from the roof of the Boston and Albany grain elevator and received fatal injuries. A. S. Stewart's last words: "God has been good to me. He has prospered me in all things, and I am resigned to what He may have in store." The verdict in the case of Dwight F. Steele, for the murder of Frederic A. White of New London, Conn., last July, is murder in the second degree. The machine shop in Fort Huron, Mich., was destroyed by fire on Friday morning. Loss, \$20,000.

